

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/531,961

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

ENDERS ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/9/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12,14-19 and 21-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron Deditch on 6/19/2007.

Amendments to the specification are as follows:

Specification, Page 4

Delete the current text of the specification on Page 4 which reads:

Figure 3: a schematic representation of the use of an annular ferrite core as a common mode coil;

Replace the above text of the specification to read:

Figure 3a: a schematic representation of the use of an annular ferrite core as a common mode coil;

Figure 3b: another schematic representation of the use of an annular ferrite core as a common mode coil;

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Delete the current text of the specification on Page 4 which reads:

Figure 6: the transmission characteristic of a supply line according to the invention with and without a common mode coil;

Replace the above text of the specification to read:

Figure 6a: the transmission characteristic of a supply line according to the invention with and without a common mode coil;

Figure 6b: the transmission characteristic of a supply line according to the invention with and without a common mode coil, but shows measurements for various connections to a metal plate;

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/9/2007 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-8, filed 3/9/2007, with respect to the 112 second paragraph rejection of Claim 12 have been fully considered and have been withdrawn in view of the amendment.

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The previous made objection to the drawings has been withdrawn in view of the newly submitted figures 8 & 9.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12, 14-19, & 21-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to Claim 12

Wendt et al. (US 6,577,230) teaches a supply line structure comprising supply lines (1 & 2) in a star network topology and having at least one star point (ie. 7) wherein a coaxial arrangement of two wires (1 & 2) are used in which the two wires are twisted together forming a capacitor which shorts together the two wires (See Column 2, Lines 32-42) wherein the supply line structure is arranged to supply both energy and information between components of a vehicle (See Column 1, Lines 21-33).

Erculiani (US 3,973,227) teaches a coaxial arrangement of a plurality of litz wires disposed about a central litz wire (See Figure 6 & Column 5, Lines 10-22) however there is a lack of motivation to combine the particular multi-wrapped litz wire taught by Erculiani with the supply line structure of Wendt et al.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

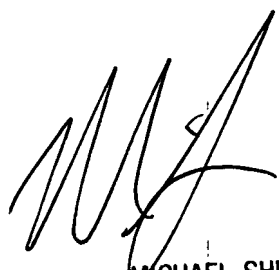
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel J. Cavallari whose telephone number is (571)272-8541. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571)272-2800 x36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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